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SUBJECT: DEATH OF AMBASSADOR DUBS
MARSHALL SHULMAN MADE FOLLOWING STATEMENT TO MEDIA THE
AFTERNOON OF FEB 14:
BEGIN TEXT. IN A TIME OF VIOLENCE, THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE
DEATH OF ONE MAN MAY NOT RECEIVE THE ATTENTION IT DESERVES.
IN THE CASE OF "SPIKE" DUBS, THERE ARE MANY REASONS FOR THE
NATION TO PAUSE, MOURN AND REFLECT.
THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF "SPIKE" DUBS SHOULD MAKE
US AWARE HOW FORTUNATE OUR NATION IS--THOUGH WE TAKE IT TOO
MUCH FOR GRANTED--TO HAVE A CORPS OF FOREIGN SERVICE OFFI-
CERS WHO SERVE THE UNITED STATES WITH DEDICATION AND DEVO
TION, AND WHO RARELY RECEIVE THE RECOGNITION THEY DESERVE.
"SPIKE" WAS A SUPERB EXAMPLE OF THE BEST TRADITIONS OF THE
DIPLOMATIC SERVICE. HE PREPARED HIMSELF WELL FOR THIS
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WORK--I SPEAK WITH PRIDE OF THIS, FOR HE WAS MY FRIEND AND
FORMER STUDENT. IN HIS SERVICE IN LIBERIA, CANADA, GERMANY,
YUGOSLAVIA, AND THE SOVIET UNION, AS WELL AS IN AFGHANISTAN,
HE COMBINED HIGH PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE WITH HUMAN WARMTH
AND COMPASSION, AND EARNED THE RESPECT AND AFFECTION OF ALL
WHO SERVED WITH HIM.
IN HIS YEAR AS CHARGE IN MOSCOW--A YEAR OF TURBULENT
EVENTS--SPIKE MANAGED WITH UNFLAPPABLE GOOD HUMOR TO REPRE-
SENT THE UNITED STATES IN A WAY WHICH REFLECTED THE BEST
ASPECTS OF THE AMERICAN CHARACTER.
HE WILL BE SADLY MISSED BY A LEGION OF FRIENDS ALL OVER THE
WORLD, AND BY MANY WHO DID NOT HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF KNOW
ING HIM. END TEXT.
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